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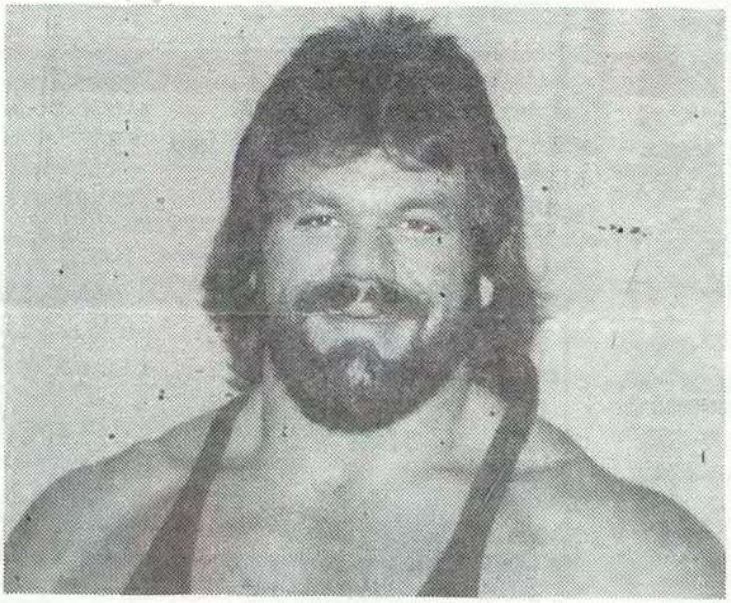
WILLIAMS WINS UWF BELT; DUKES KAYOED

Steve Williams pinned **Bam Bam Bigelow** to become the first UWF SportsChannel TV champion. The victory came in the main event of Beach Brawl, the UWF's first pay-per-view card, on June 9 at the Manatee Civic Center in Palmetto, Florida. "Dr. Death" scored the pinfall in 8:43 following a bloody, hard-fought brawl.

"This is my greatest moment in the U.S. since . . . well, since I won the *UWF* title," laughed a still-bloody Williams, who won the Oklahoma-based UWF belt from another huge man, **Big Bubba Rogers** (now known as **Big Bossman** in the WWF), in 1987. "I made the old UWF title an important one, and now I'm going to do the same thing to the new one. Already, I've defeated **Paul Orndorff**, Bigelow, and **Don Muraco** since coming here. Now, I'm going to be a fighting champion. Anyone who thinks he's man enough to win this belt knows where to find me. It'll be just like in Japan—I'll meet and beat 'em all."

The 265-pound Williams' power was the deciding factor in his win over Bigelow, who outweighed him by 103 pounds. Before the match, UWF President **Herb Abrams** entered the ring to wish both combatants luck.



Steve Williams

Williams accepted the goodwill gesture. But when Bigelow grabbed Abrams, Williams rushed in to attack the New Jersey giant. Immediately, Bigelow pounded Williams in the face with fists, opening a deep gash on Williams' forehead.

Incensed, Williams caught Bigelow with a jarring clothesline, then cut open Bigelow with several closed fists to the head. After both men traded blows, Williams jarred Bigelow with a clothesline, then shocked Bam Bam with a precise dropkick. Desperate to end the attack, Bigelow resorted to headbutts, then caught Williams with a German suplex. Williams barely kicked out of the pin attempt at the count of two.

"I thought I had him right there," said a disappointed Bigelow after the match. "I swear, I hit that guy with everything I had, and he just kept right on comin' at me. I couldn't believe he could get up from what I hit him with next."

Following Williams' kickout, Bigelow climbed to the top turnbuckle and scored with a flying splash—but Williams again kicked out of the pin attempt. Bigelow caught Williams with a DDT, then used his favorite finishing maneuver: a flying splash from over the top rope. Williams called up his last reserve of strength to escape the pin.

Frustrated with his inability to pin Williams, Bigelow lunged at his opponent, but "Dr. Death" ducked and caught his huge foe in a crunching belly-to-belly suplex. Now in control, Williams blasted Bigelow with a clothesline, a pair of shoulderblocks, and a powerslam, but Bigelow kicked out at the count of two.

Moments later, Williams whipped Bigelow into the corner. On the rebound, Bigelow tried to catch Williams with a flying tackle. Instead, Williams caught Bigelow, and smashed him with a powerslam for the clean pinfall.

"I've got to give Steve credit—it was a great, great match," said Bigelow. "In my six years in this sport, I've never had anyone lift me up with as much ease as Williams did. Maybe the experts are right, maybe Steve *is* the most powerful man in wrestling. He really proved a lot to me, but I hope I get a rematch. I think I deserve at least one, because I almost pinned him three times."

In another notable match at Beach Brawl, former WWF World champion **Bob Backlund** made his first ap-

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WRESTLER OF THE WEEK

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Steve Williams

"Dr. Death" Steve Williams added another important title to his lengthy list of accomplishments when he pinned **Bam Bam Bigelow** at the UWF's Beach Brawl '91 in Palmetto, Florida, to become the first-ever UWF TV champion. And, perhaps just as importantly, he once again demonstrated why many regard him as the strongest man in the sport.

"Bigelow weighs almost 400 pounds, but the way Williams powerslammed him, you'd have thought he was *half* that weight!" marveled Terri Walker, a Williams fan who watched from the front row as her hero captured the title. "I've seen Doc perform feats of strength dozens of times, and this ranks right up there with the best of them. He's amazing."

"Yeah, I was really pumped up for this one," Williams related. "I believed that there was no way I could lose this match. Bigelow has been bragging about how he was gonna bounce me around the ring, but it just wasn't gonna happen. It was my match to win and I won it. That's all there was to it."

Now, with the UWF TV belt firmly in his grasp, Doc is expanding his goals. Not content with his status as the best wrestler in the UWF, Williams wants to prove he's the best grappler in the entire sport.

"This is a serious challenge!" Doc thundered. "I'll take on anybody and everybody! [WWF World champion Hulk] **Hogan**, [WCW World titlist Ric] **Flair**, the Japanese champions, the European champions. I'm totally convinced I can beat any of them! Some people might call it boasting, but I know in my heart that it's the truth."

Of course, a match against either Hogan or Flair is nearly impossible, as they are prevented from competing outside their respective federations. Nevertheless, there are a lot of other titleholders Williams is free to face. Doc will have plenty of chances to make good on his promise.

MATCH OF THE WEEK

Ray Odyssey was almost surprised to hear that he would be defending his IWCCW light heavyweight title against **The Tasmaniac** in Brooklyn, New York, on June 6.

"I didn't think that wildman cared anything about titles," Odyssey said in the crowded locker room before the bout. "I thought he was just in this sport to hurt people. Well, maybe he doesn't want the belt, maybe he just wants *me!*"

The bout offered a classic confrontation between Odyssey's scientific ability and Tasmaniac's reckless brawling. Throughout most of the contest, Odyssey was determined to wrestle as cleanly as possible.

But as Tasmaniac's rules infractions piled up, Odyssey's patience started running out. Eventually, he became fed up with the tactics of Tasmaniac and his manager, **Tony Rumble**, and started throwing a few punches and kicks of his own.

When Odyssey accidentally clotheslined referee **Tom Fornini**, knocking him out, Rumble saw the opening. He jumped in the ring and clobbered Odyssey with a batting helmet. Tasmaniac covered Odyssey, and Fornini revived himself and counted the pin. The wildman was a champion.

"I'm a regular maker of champions!" Rumble exclaimed with a hearty laugh. "I told everybody that I would get a belt for this man, didn't I? Odyssey didn't think Tasmaniac wanted a title, huh? Tas'll have this belt for as long as I, er, I mean, *he* wants it!"

"What you saw tonight is the only way Tasmaniac knows how to win," Odyssey said calmly as he held an icepack on his forehead. "I want a title rematch in a cage, so there's no way Rumble can interfere. It may only be the light heavyweight belt, but I think very highly of it. In Tasmaniac's hands, it's tarnished."

YAY & NAY

This edition's leading "yay" goes to former WWF World titleholder **Bob Backlund** for proving he still has what it takes to be a champion. Even though he hasn't competed on a regular basis for more than four years, Backlund showed up in fighting trim for his bout against **Ivan Koloff** at the UWF's Beach Brawl card. The scientific marvel disposed of the Russian veteran in just 2:25. Hopefully, Backlund will make pro wrestling his full-time vocation again. The sport is weaker because of his absence.

The WWF could use Backlund instead of traitors such as **Tugboat**. The 407-pound Pittsburgh native gets a "nay" for turning his back on the fans. By changing his name to **Typhoon** and forming a tag team with the devious **Earthquake**, Tugboat has let down millions of supporters—including his close friend, **Hulk Hogan**. It was just one year ago that Tugboat organized a letter-writing campaign to bring an injured Hogan back to the sport. Now we all know that Tugboat was drawing attention to *himself* instead of his supposed "friend." What a disgusting person Tugboat has become!

"Yay" to LPWA star **Reggie Bennett** for developing an outstanding new finishing maneuver, the "Reggie rack." This hold is similar to **Lex Luger's** "human torture rack," except she holds the opponent facing downward. The women that have been placed in this hold say it's excruciating. There's no way **Lady X** will remain LPWA champion if Bennett gets her in the rack!

"Nay" to **The Berzerker** for truly living up to his name. Why all the barking? Why **Mr. Fuji**? And, most importantly, why does he prefer to hurl his opponents out of the ring for countouts instead of *pinning* them? This crazed rulebreaker will never become a contender until he scores his victories inside the ring.

Finally, here's a "yay" to long-suffering USWA preliminary wrestler **Ben Jordan**. After more than two years of trying, this handsome youngster is finally beginning to score some hard-fought victories, and the fans in Memphis are responding to him in a big way. It's nice to know that hard work can pay off!

THIS WEEK

June 15-21. All dates subject to change.

Sat/15
GAS: Douglasville, GA
IWCCW: Nassau, Bahamas
PNW: Portland, OR
USWA: Nashville, TN
WCW: Chattanooga, TN
WWF: Philadelphia, PA; Uniondale, NY

Sun/16
GAS: Canton, GA
WCW: Albany, GA
WWF: Oakland, CA; Los Angeles, CA

Mon/17
GAS: Conyers, GA
USWA: Memphis, TN
WCW: Gainesville, GA
WWF: Sacramento, CA

Tue/18
USWA: Louisville, KY
WCW: Anderson, SC
WWF: Fresno, CA

Wed/19
USWA: Evansville, IN
WCW: Battle Creek, MI; Fayetteville, NC
WWF: Odessa, TX; San Bernadino, CA

Thu/20
WCW: Bluffton, IN; Asheville, NC
WWF: Beaumont, TX; Wichita, KS

Fri/21
GAS: Braselton, GA
PNW: Eugene, OR
USWA: Dallas, TX
WCW: Terre Haute, IN; Greensboro, NC
WWF: Peoria, IL; Minneapolis, MN

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THIS WEEK: Kevin Sullivan has a new man at the top of his hit list: 7'7" El Gigante. Sullivan has vowed to do anything and everything in his power to end the big man's career. Sullivan and One Man Gang tried to accomplish that feat at Super Brawl, but their attack on the giant seemed to only make him angrier! At a WCW television taping Tuesday in Anderson, South Carolina, Gigante goes one-on-two: He takes on One Man Gang, and will most probably have to contend with Sullivan at ringside, too!

- Roddy Piper, with "Virgilina" in his corner, takes on Ted DiBiase, with Sensational Sherri in his corner, Saturday in Uniondale, New York.
- WWF star Tito Santana goes after IWCCW champion Tony Atlas Saturday in Nassau, Bahamas. If Tito can keep Atlas' manager, Tony Rumble, from interfering, he has a good chance of winning the belt.
- The WWF has two TV tapings in California this week: Monday in Sacramento and Tuesday in Fresno.

REPORTERS' NOTEBOOK

TEMPE, AZ: Bring down the curtain on Andre the Giant's career. Last week the 497-pound Frenchman had surgery on his left leg—the one that was attacked by Earthquake on May 6 in Rockford, Illinois—and the prognosis is not good. Did you see the televised attack? Andre could barely walk to the ring *before* the attack, let alone after it. I've said this before, and now I'm saying it again: Andre, you've had a great career. Now retire before you're crippled for life!

—Craig Peters

MEMPHIS, TN: Hold the phone—maybe Tony Anthony *isn't* a lowdown crumb. Since our last issue, the "Dirty White Boy" has started a feud against Dr. Tom Prichard—and the fans are cheering Anthony! Small wonder, really. Prichard and Eric Embry have been turning Memphis wrestling into their own personal playground for sadism. It takes someone as devious as Anthony to beat them at their own game. But is Anthony really changing his ways, or is this just a momentary shift for the DWB? Only Anthony's actions in the coming weeks can answer that question.

—Bob Smith

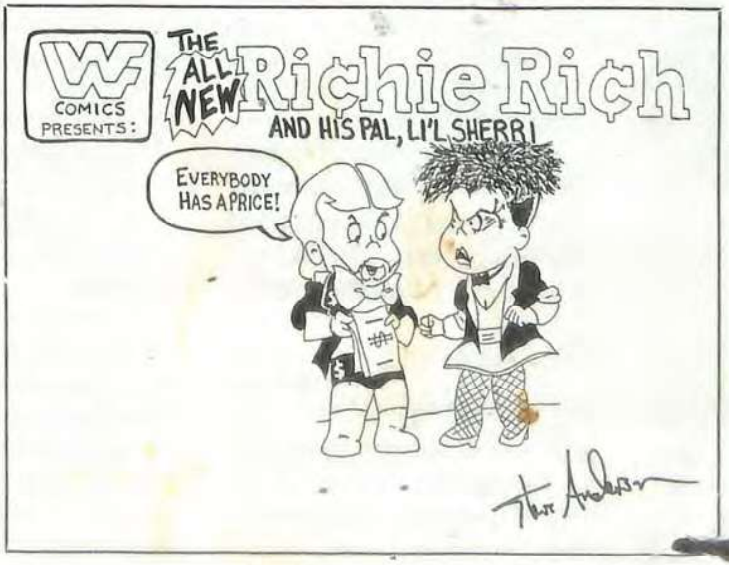
PALMETTO, FL: The UWF's first venture into pay-per-viewland—Beach Brawl—was a huge critical success, at least as far as these jaundiced eyes are concerned. The UWF TV title match between new champion Steve Williams and Bam Bam Bigelow was outstanding, and excellent efforts were logged by Brian Blair and Jim Brunzell, old-timer Bobby Backlund, and Paul Orndorff. One thing bugs me, though: How could Terry Gordy and Johnny Ace both be counted out in a *street fight* match? I thought there were no rules or disqualifications in this kind of bout. What gives? Overall, I give the UWF a thumbs up for their first big card. Williams will make a fighting champion, and that's a good way to get a new federation off the ground.

—Matt Brock

PORTLAND, OR: I think Scott Norton's big mouth has written a check his big body won't be able to cash. "Flash" is back in the Pacific Northwest, and he says he'll pay $5,000 to anyone who can beat him in a "personal" battle royal. But what does this mean? If 20 guys jump in the ring and five of them dump Norton over the top rope, do they get to split the money? Or does this mean that Norton is only putting up his wad of cash in a *one-on-one* battle royal? This is exactly like John Studd's bodyslam challenge a few years ago. When Andre the Giant slammed Studd, he never got his money. A rule-breaker such as Norton will *never* pay off—but wait and see how many PNW wrestlers take him up on his "generous" offer!

—Andy Rodriguez

STEVE ANDERSON'S VIEW



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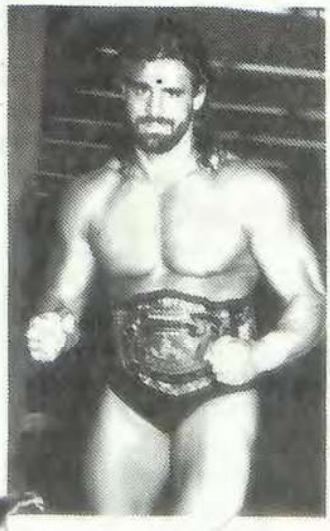

June 21, 1987

Al Perez defeats Dingo Warrior for the World Class Texas heavyweight title in Caguas, Puerto Rico. Disheartened by the loss, Dingo Warrior soon left the USWA and entered the WWF, where he changed his name to The Ultimate Warrior. Perez held the title for two months before having to vacate the championship when he won the World Class title by forfeit from Kevin Von Erich. The forfeit resulted when Von Erich was too injured to compete in an August 21 bout in Ft. Worth, Texas, due to a prematch attack by Brian Adias.

EDITORIAL

Right when you think things can't get any worse, they usually do. In recent months, rulebreakers have been getting away with just about anything, without any fear of punishment.

Most wrestling fans know what I'm referring to. The Undertaker has been stuffing his defeated opponents into black body bags. Black Blood has been putting his unconscious foes in a hood before he pins them.

And the list goes on.

All of these actions are not only uncalled for, they're extremely dangerous. But these horrid acts pale in comparison to what Col. DeBeers did to Paul Orndorff at Beach Brawl, the UWF's first pay-per-view card, on June 9 in Palmetto, Florida.

In this strap match, Orndorff pinned DeBeers after rocking him with a perfectly executed piledriver. There was no dispute to who the winner was, but that didn't stop DeBeers from taking out his frustrations on an unsuspecting "Mr. Wonderful."

After the pin, DeBeers produced an electronic stun gun—the kind many police departments use—from his helmet. At first, it appeared that DeBeers had an *actual* gun in his possession, and ringsiders screamed in terror. DeBeers grabbed Orndorff from behind, pressed the prongs to Orndorff's neck, and Ordorff was unconscious in a matter of seconds.

Thankfully, Orndorff recovered after only a few minutes, but that doesn't excuse this barbaric act of pure savagery. If used improperly, a stun gun can cause permanent damage to a man's central nervous system. It's a miracle that Orndorff walked out of the ring on his own power.

This attack was perpetrated by the same man who uses his interviews as a sounding board for bigotry and hatred. UWF President Herb Abrams, the ball is in your court: Suspend DeBeers from the UWF forever!

—Bob Smith

TRANSACTIONS

ADDED: A special match to the Tri-State Wrestling Alliance's Summer Sizzler II on August 3 at the Philadephia Civic Center. Former AWA women's champion Madusa Miceli will take on Luna Vachon in a hair vs. hair match.

DIED: Augie Weil, 64, father of Monster Factory owner Larry Sharpe, at his home in Gibbstown, New Jersey, on June 5. Weil was a former head of the New Jersey State Athletic Commission and a WWF promoter in southern New Jersey. He was suffering from cancer of the lungs and lymph nodes.

MOVED: Former WCW commentator Chris Cruise, to International World Class Championship Wrestling. Cruise will provide blow-by-blow commentary with color man Ox Baker in the coming weeks.

Teijho Khan, to the PWA.

WON: The first UWF SportsChannel TV championship, by Steve Williams, on June 9 in Palmetto, Florida. Williams pinned Bam Bam Bigelow in a tournament final to capture the title.

The UWF women's title, by Rockin' Robin, on June 9 in Palmetto, Florida. Robin pinned Candi Devine to capture the belt.

The USWA Texas title, by Dr. Tom Prichard, on June 7 in Dallas. Prichard pinned Bill Dundee to capture the belt.

The IWCCW light heayweight title, by Tasmaniac, on June 5 in Brooklyn, New York. Tasmaniac defeated Ray Odyssey to capture the title.

WHO'S HOT WHO'S NOT

Rick Steamboat

WHO'S HOT

Rick Steamboat. "The Dragon" has soared over every opponent he's faced. Can an I-C title shot be coming soon?

The Equalizers. Separately, they have their problems. Together, Zip, Zap, and Zoom are a dynamite threesome. But which one is which?

Skip Young. Sweet Brown Sugar looked sweet in his WWF debut.

Johnny B. Badd. He looks fey, but he's all man. What punching power!

Smash

WHO'S NOT

Smash. The Demolitioner is getting smashed by Greg "The Hammer" Valentine.

Johnny Hardtimes. The name says it all.

Steve Lombardi. He cries about losing so much, they should call him The Brooklyn *Bawler.*

Hiro Hase & Kensuke Sasaki. These Japanese masters don't seem capable of beating Rick and Scott Steiner for the IWGP title—but who *does?*

TRIVIA QUIZ

1. Who managed The Mongols to the International tag team title in 1970—then sold the contract of the team to Lou Albano?
2. Who managed The Mighty Igor in the IWA (1975)?
3. True or false—Wally Karbo is a former WWF president.
4. The Nasty Girls are named Linda and Kat. What are their *full* names?
5. Which of the following wrestlers *never* played college football at West Texas State University—Dusty Rhodes, Tito Santana, or Hercules Hernandez?
6. What does I.R.S. stand for (in the wrestling world, that is)?
7. Who was the *original* manager of The M.O.D. Squad?
8. True or false—The Star Warrior is The Ultimate Warrior's cousin.
9. It's illegal to throw your opponent over the top rope in WCW—but would you be disqualified for the same move in the WWF?
10. Larry Hennig won the AWA tag team title three times with Harley Race. Who was Hennig's partner when he won the title in 1962?

ANSWERS:

1—Tony Angelo; 2—Ivan Kalmikoff; 3—False; 4—Linda Dallas & Kat LeRoux; 5—Hercules Hernandez; 6—Irwin R. Shyster; 7—J.D. Costello; 8—False; 9—No; 10—Duke Hoffman.

RATINGS

For period ended June 10, 1991

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TOP 10

1. **RIC FLAIR (1)** — *WCW World champion*
2. **HULK HOGAN (2)** — *WWF World champion*
3. **LEX LUGER (3)** — *WCW U.S. champion*
4. **CURT HENNIG (6)** — *WWF I-C champion*
5. **STING (5)** — *No. 2 contender: WCW title*
6. **SGT. SLAUGHTER (4)** — *No. 2 contender: WWF title*
7. **TOM PRICHARD (-)** — *USWA Texas champion*
8. **NIKITA KOLOFF (8)** — *No. 1 contender: U.S. title*
9. **BOBBY EATON (7)** — *WCW TV champion*
10. **STEVE WILLIAMS (-)** — *UWF TV champion*

TAG TEAMS

1. **RICK & SCOTT STEINER (1)** — *WCW World and IWGP tag team champions*
2. **THE NASTY BOYS (2)** — *WWF World tag team champions*
3. **THE FREEBIRDS (3)** — *WCW U.S. tag team champions*
4. **THE YOUNG PISTOLS (6)** — *No. 1 contenders: U.S. tag team title*
5. **THE BUSHWHACKERS (7)** — *No. 1 contenders: WWF tag team title*
6. **ROBERT FULLER & JEFF JARRETT (4)** — *USWA tag team champions*
7. **THE ROCKERS (5)** — *No. 2 contenders: WWF tag team title*
8. **THE BRUISE BROTHERS (8)** — *Pacific Northwest tag team champions*
9. **HIROSHI HASE & MASA CHONO (-)** — *No. 1 contenders: IWGP tag team title*
10. **THE ORIENT EXPRESS (9)** — *No. 3 contenders: WWF tag team title*

WCW
World Champion: RIC FLAIR (C)
1—LEX LUGER (1)
2—STING (2)
3—NIKITA KOLOFF (4)
4—BOBBY EATON (3)
5—EL GIGANTE (5)
6—BARRY WINDHAM (7)
7—BRIAN PILLMAN (6)
8—TERRENCE TAYLOR (10)
9—STEVE AUSTIN (-)
10—BLACK BLOOD (-)

WWF
World Champion: HULK HOGAN (C)
1—CURT HENNIG (1)
2—SGT. SLAUGHTER (2)
3—THE ULTIMATE WARRIOR (3)
4—THE UNDERTAKER (4)
5—DAVEY BOY SMITH (5)
6—THE MOUNTIE (7)
7—IRWIN R. SHYSTER (-)
8—RODDY PIPER (6)
9—TED DIBIASE (8)
10—BIG BOSSMAN (10)

USWA
USWA Champion: JERRY LAWLER (C)
1—TOM PRICHARD (4)
2—ERIC EMBRY (2)
3—BILL DUNDEE (1)
4—EDDIE GILBERT (3)
5—CHRIS CANDIDO (6)
6—TONY ANTHONY (5)
7—GARY YOUNG (10)
8—TERRY DANIELS (7)
9—JEFF JARRETT (-)
10—DAN DAVIS (-)

PNW
PNW Champion: STEVE DOLL (C)
1—THE GRAPPLER (1)
2—MIKE WINNER (4)
3—STEVE SAWYER (5)
4—JIMMY JACK FUNK (9)
5—LARRY OLIVER (3)
6—AL MADRIL (7)
7—DOUG MASTERS (2)
8—C.W. BERGSTROM (-)
9—CRUSH (-)
10—DON HARRIS (-)

UWF
UWF champion: STEVE WILLIAMS (1)
1—BAM BAM BIGELOW (2)
2—TERRY GORDY (3)
3—PAUL ORNDORFF (-)
4—BOB BACKLUND (-)
5—JOHNNY ACE (-)
6—BOB ORTON (-)
7—SUNNY BEACH (-)
8—IVAN KOLOFF (10)
9—COL. DeBEERS (7)
10—BORIS ZUKHOV (9)

PWA
PWA champion: CHARLIE NORRIS
1—LARRY CAMERON
2—KEN PATERA
3—TEIJHO KHAN
4—RICKY RICE
5—TOMMY FERRERA
6—LIGHTNING KID
7—JERRY LYNN
8—THE PUNISHER
9—BILL IRWIN
10—TOMMY JAMMER

PALMETTO, FL, Sunday, June 9: The UWF's Beach Brawl pay-per-view card at the Manatee Civic Center: **Boris Zukhov** pinned **Paul Johnson** in a match not shown on the pay-per-view telecast . . . **The Blackharts** beat **Fire Cat** & **Jim Cooper** when **Apocalypse** pinned Cooper in 6:50 following a legdrop from the top turnbuckle . . . **Terry Gordy** battled **Johnny Ace** (substituting for **Don Muraco**) to a double-countout in 6:26 . . . **Brian Blair** & **Jim Brunzell** beat **The Power Twins** when Blair pinned **Larry** following a sunset flip in 13:03 . . . **Rockin' Robin** became the first UWF women's champion by pinning **Candi Devine** with a rollup in 6:18 . . . **Paul Orndorff** pinned **Col. DeBeers** in 3:28 of a strap match following a piledriver. After the pinfall, DeBeers jabbed Orndorff with a stun gun, but Orndorff quickly recovered . . . **Bob Backlund** pinned **Ivan Koloff** with a reverse rollup and bridge at 2:25 . . . **Steve Ray** & **Sunny Beach** beat **Bob Orton** & **Cactus Jack** when Ray pinned Cactus in 4:40 after Orton mistakenly hit Jack with brass knuckles. After the match, Orton and Jack brawled back to the dressing room . . . **Steve Williams** became the UWF TV champion by pinning **Bam Bam Bigelow** in 8:43 following a powerslam.

—Donna Hubbard & Burton Crane

SUMMERVILLE, GA, Sunday, June 9: All-American Wrestling Federation at The City Theater: **Bambi** beat **Peggy Lee Leather** . . . **Bad News Big O** beat **Pez Whatley** . . . **Dr. Love** & **Dave Michael** beat **Devastation Unlimited** . . . **Mike Starbuck** battled **The Georgia Renegade** to a double-disqualification . . . **The Cover Boys** beat **The Mercenaries** . . . **Stan Westmoreland** beat **The Black Terminator** . . . **Mr. Wrestling III** beat **The Dirty Gambler**.

—Jo Ellen Hallmark

HOUSTON, TX, Sunday, June 9: Texas All-Pro at the Unicorn Ballroom: **The Night Breeder** beat **Rick Garren** . . . **Chaz** beat **Sputnik Monroe** . . . **The Gladiator** beat **Dr. Kirk Vain** . . . **The American Breed** beat **The Black Assassin** & **Hog Young** . . . **G.I. Bro** defeated **Rudy Romero** . . . **Tiger Conway Jr.** beat **Wichita Willie** . . . **Tugboat Tyler** battled **Super Collider** to a double-disqualification.

—Bob Miller

TAMPA, FL, Saturday, June 8: Suncoast Wrestling at the Bradington Municipal Auditorium: **Tom Sawyer** beat **Henry Raines** . . . **Keno McKenzie** beat **Poision Ivy** . . . **Dr. Chris Proctor** defeated **Rick Rider** . . . Suncoast champion **Full Force** beat **Masked Superstar** . . . **Tommy Rogers** & **Lou Perez** beat **Giant Outlaw** & **Ned Brady** . . . Referee **Frankie Reyes** beat **Penelopie Paradise**.

—Shannon Rose

PHILADELPHIA, PA, Saturday, June 8: WCW at the Civic Center: **Black Blood** beat **Tim Horner** . . . **Terrence Taylor** beat **Bobby Eaton** . . . **Barry Windham** defeated **Brian Pillman** . . . WCW World tag team champions **Rick** & **Scott Steiner** beat **Arn Anderson** & **One Man Gang** . . . WCW World champion **Ric Flair** beat **El Gigante** by countout . . . **Dustin Rhodes** & **Rick Morton** beat **Dutch Mantel** & **Moondog Rex**.

—Alan Raskin

PORTLAND, OR, Saturday, June 8: PNW at the Sports Arena: **Mike Winner** defeated **C.W. Bergstrom** by reverse decision . . . PNW champion **Steve Doll** beat **The Grappler** by disqualification when **The Bruise Brothers**—**Ron** & **Don Harris**—interfered. As Doll was being triple-teamed by Grappler and the Harrises, several wrestlers unsuccessfully tried to save him. Then **Crush** of **Demolition** hit the ring, clotheslined all three men, and press-slammed each of them . . . **Bart Sawyer** pinned **Al Madril** . . . **Jimmy Jack Funk** pinned **Doug Masters** . . . **Larry Oliver** & **Bart Sawyer** defeated PNW tag team champions **The Bruise Brothers** by disqualification.

—Kenn Jones

KNOXVILLE, TN, Saturday, June 8: All-Star Wrestling at the Moses Center: **The Paradise City Rocker** beat **Sweet Marvin Gaye** . . . **Don Lucas** & **Steve Flynn** beat **Los Lobos** & **Deke Rivers** . . . **The Russian Enforcer** battled **Jackie Reed** to a double-disqualification . . . All-Star tag team champions **Chris Powers** & **T.J. Travis** beat **Joe Cazana** & **Steve Flynn** . . . **Johnny Meadows** beat **The Paradise City Rocker** and unmasked him, revealing him to be **Jeff Sword**.

—Bill Needham

BALTIMORE, MD, Friday, June 7: WCW at Baltimore Arena: **Black Blood** pinned **Tim Horner** . . . **Dustin Rhodes** & **Rick Morton** defeated **Dutch Mantel** & **Moondog Rex** when Rhodes pinned Rex . . . **Angel of Death** pinned **Sam Houston** . . . WCW TV champion **Bobby Eaton** pinned **Terrence Taylor** . . . **Missy Hyatt** defeated **Paul E. Dangerously** in an arm-wrestling contest after spraying hairspray in his face . . . **Barry Windham** pinned **Brian Pillman** in a taped-fist match . . . WCW World champion **Ric Flair** defeated **El Gigante** by countout . . . In a no-disqualification bout, WCW World tag team champions **Rick** & **Scott Steiner** defeated **Arn Anderson** & **One Man Gang** when Scott pinned Anderson. After the match, Gang and **Kevin Sullivan** attacked Anderson.

—Ray Ney

DALLAS, TX, Friday, June 7: USWA at the Sportatorium: USWA Southern champion **Eric Embry** pinned **Dan Davis** after hitting him with a chain handed to him by **Tojo Yamamoto** . . . **Tony Anthony** pinned **Terry Daniels** . . . **Jeff Jarrett** & **Gary Young** defeated **Master Blaster** & **Tex Salinger** when Jarrett pinned Blaster . . . **Chris Candido** pinned **El Grande Pistolero** . . . **Dr. Tom Prichard** pinned **Bill Dundee** to capture the USWA Texas title after knocking him out with Yamamoto's suitcase . . . **Sweet Georgia Brown** defeated **Madelyn Collins**.

—Freddie Fargo

LINCOLN, NE, Friday, June 7: WWF at Pershing Auditorium: **Kerry Von Erich** battled **The Warlord** to a double-countout . . . **Rick Steamboat** beat **Steve Lombardi** . . . **Luke Williams** defeated **Kato** . . . **Hacksaw Duggan** beat **Col. Mustafa** . . . **Ted DiBaise** beat **Virgil** . . . **Earthquake** beat **Jake Roberts** by disqualification . . . **The Ultimate Warrior** beat **The Undertaker** by disqualification.

—Bob Ulip

MINNEAPOLIS, MN, Thursday, June 6: Pro Wrestling America at Windhom Park: **Teijho Khan** battled **Ricky Rice** to a double-countout . . . **Charlie Norris** beat **The Mystic** . . . **Rick Ferrara** beat **The Jungle Fighter** . . . **Baron Von Raschke** defeated **The Shocker** by disqualification . . . **Larry Cameron** beat **Norman** . . . **The Lightning Kid** & **Bill Irwin** beat **The Punishers** by disqualification.

—Steve Anderson

STATEN ISLAND, NY, Thursday, June 6: IWCCW at SeaView Hospital Auditorium: **Scott Putski** pinned **Cash Jackson** . . . **The Tasmaniac** beat **T.D. Madison** . . . **Robbie Ellis** defeated **Georgia Guerrila I** . . . **Tony Atlas** beat **Equalizer Zip** . . . **Mondo Kleen** defeated **Cash Jackson** . . . **Ivan** & **Scott Putski** beat **Equalizers Zip** & **Zap** when Scott pinned Zap . . . **Little Louie** defeated **Tiger Jackson** . . . **The Honky Tonk Man** and **Rick Rude** wrestled to a double-disqualification.

—Brad Howard

NORFOLK, VA, Thursday, June 6: WCW at the Norfolk Scope: **Black Blood** defeated **Tim Horner** . . . **Rick Morton** & **Dustin Rhodes** beat **Dutch Mantel** & **Moondog Rex** when Rhodes pinned Rex; Morton walked out on Rhodes halfway through the match . . . **P.N. News** defeated **Angel of Death** . . . WCW TV champion **Bobby Eaton** beat **Terrence Taylor** . . . **Diamond Stud** defeated **Sam Houston** . . . WCW World tag team champions **Rick** & **Scott Steiner** beat **One Man Gang** & **Arn Anderson** when Scott pinned Anderson . . . WCW World champion **Ric Flair** pinned **Brian Pillman**.

—Eddie Cheslock

HAMMOND, IN, Wednesday, June 5: WCW at the Hammond Civic Center: **Black Bart** beat **Tommy Angel** . . . **Steve Austin** defeated **Tommy Rich** . . . **Junkyard Dog** pinned **Psycho Sam** . . . **Oz** beat **Tom Zenk** . . . **The Young Pistols** beat **The Freebirds** & **Badstreet** . . . U.S. champion **Lex Luger** beat **Barry Windham**.

—Brett Wolfe

BROOKLYN, NEW YORK, Wednesday, June 5: IWCCW at Our Lady Of Grace School: **Samson** of **The Billion-Dollar Babies** pinned **Dusty Wolfe** after Samson's partner, **Stratus**, belted Wolfe with manager **Kevin "The Truth" Casey's** cane . . . **Samu** pinned **Cash Jackson** following a belly-to-back suplex from the second rope . . . ICW champion **Tony Atlas** pinned **Dusty Wolfe** following a gorilla-press and slam. When Atlas made challenges after the bout, he was dropkicked out of the ring by **Tito Santana** . . . **T.D. Madison** pinned **Equalizer Zap** after belting Zap with brass knuckles that Zap had brought into the ring . . . **The Tasmaniac** captured the IWCCW light heavyweight title from **Ray Odyssey** when Tasmaniac's manager, **Tony Rumble**, blasted Odyssey with his batting helmet . . . **Joe Savoldi** defeated **Samson** of **The Billion-Dollar Babies** by disqualification when **Stratus** interfered . . . **Scott Putski** pinned **Psycho** following a "Polish hammer" . . . **Mondo Kleen** pinned **Equalizer Zap** following a kneedrop . . . **Ivan Putski** pinned **Black Knight II** following a "Polish hammer" . . . In a non-title match, **Joe Savoldi** & **The Star Warrior** defeated IWCCW tag team champions **The Billion-Dollar Babies** . . . **Curly Moe** defeated **Psycho** . . . **Samu** beat **T.D. Madison** . . . **Little Louie** defeated **Tiger Jackson** . . . **The Honky Tonk Man** battled **Rick Rude** to a double-countout.

—Burton Crane

BROOKLYN, NEW YORK, Tuesday, June 4: IWCCW at Holy Spirit School: **Scott Putski** defeated **Equalizer Zap** . . . **Ivan Putski** beat **Equalizer Zoom** . . . **Tony Atlas** defeated **T.D. Madison** . . . IWCCW tag team champions **The Billion-Dollar Babies** beat **Georgia Guerrilla I** & **Duke Snyder** . . . **Mondo Kleen** defeated **Dusty Wolfe** . . . **Little Louie** beat **Tiger Jackson** . . . **The Honky Tonk Man** wrestled **Rick Rude** to a no-disqualification.

—Burton Crane

ROCKLAND, ME, Monday, June 3: IWCCW at Rockland District High School: **Sampson** of **The Billion-Dollar Babies** beat **Equalizer Zap** . . . **Robbie Ellis** beat **Psycho** . . . IWCCW tag team champions **The Billion-Dollar Babies** beat **Equalizers Zap** & **Zoom** when **G.Q. Stratus** pinned Zoom . . . **Scott Putski** defeated **Black Knight I** . . . **Ray Odyssey** beat **The Tasmaniac** by disqualification . . . **Ivan Putski** beat **Tony Atlas** by disqualification when Atlas and his manager, **Tony Rumble**, hanged Putski from the top rope.

—Sal Perkins

NEW YORK, NY, Monday, June 3: WWF at Madison Square Garden: WWF World champion **Hulk Hogan** defeated **Sgt. Slaughter** in a "Desert Storm" match when **Gen. Adnan** threw in the towel . . . **Earthquake** beat **Jake Roberts** by disqualification . . . **Animal** pinned **Paul Roma** . . . **The Mountie** pinned **Big Bossman** after stunning him with his cattle prod . . . **Bret Hart** pinned **The Barbarian** . . . **Rick "The Dragon" Steamboat** pinned **Smash** . . . **Tugboat** pinned **Steve Lombardi** . . . **Warlord** pinned **Koko B. Ware** . . . **Jimmy Snuka** pinned **Bob Bradley** . . . **Col. Mustafa** defeated **Hacksaw Duggan** by countout.

—John Bello

MEMPHIS, TN, Monday, June 3: USWA at the Pipkin Building: **Chris Candido** wrestled **Dan Davis** to a double-countout . . . **Brian Christopher** defeated **The Texas Ranger** by disqualification . . . **Bill Dundee** pinned **The Headhunter** . . . **Dr. Tom Prichard** pinned **Tony Anthony** . . . USWA tag team champions **Jeff Jarrett** & **Robert Fuller** defeated **Tex Salinger** & **Master Blaster** in a best-of-three-falls match . . . **Eddie** & **Doug Gilbert** beat **Eric Embry** & **Tom Prichard** by disqualification when Salinger and Master Blaster interfered. Eventually, Jarrett, Fuller, **Texas Outlaw**, and **Jerry Lawler** all got involved.

—Mark Mitchell

HERSHEY, PA, Monday, June 3: WWF at Hersheypark Arena: **The Ultimate Warrior** beat **The Undertaker** by disqualification . . . **Davey Boy Smith** pinned **Berzerker** . . . **Ted DiBiase** beat **Virgil** . . . WWF World tag team champions **The Nasty Boys** beat **The Bushwhackers** when **Brian Knobs** pinned **Luke Williams** . . . **Marty Jannetty** beat **Kato** . . . **Kerry Von Erich** pinned **Haku** . . . **Irwin R. Shyster** beat **Grag Valentine**.

—Timothy A. Walker

FT. WORTH, TX, Monday, June 3: NAWA at the Stagecoach Ballroom: **Mike Reed** defeated **Ninja Turtle** by disqualification . . . **Larry Green** pinned **Ray Evans** . . . **Steve Dane** pinned **Kit Carson** . . . In a non-title match, **"Rattlesnake" Jeff Raitz** pinned NAWA champion **Killer Brooks** to earn a title shot . . . **Bull Man Downs** pinned **Kenny the Stinger**.

—Joyce Dillon

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pearance in the U.S. in more than two years as he easily defeated another former WWF titleholder, **Ivan Koloff**, in only 2:25. Backlund used a reverse rollup with a neck bridge to score the pinfall.

"People thought I was bragging when I said I could beat Koloff without much trouble, but I proved my point," said a joyous Backlund after the victory, which was made complete when **Capt. Lou Albano** stripped Koloff's manager, **Mr. Red**, of his pants after the bout. "I've kept in shape the past few years, and although I *was* a bit rusty, I still showed Koloff—and the entire wrestling world—that I haven't lost my skills."

Also on the card: Former WWF women's champion **Rockin' Robin** pinned former AWA women's titlist **Candi Devine** to win the newly created UWF women's title. For complete results of the card, see the "*PWI* Weekly Round-Up."

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Former New York Jets defensive end **Mark Gastineau** made headlines around the sports world when he made his pro boxing debut on June 8 at the Civic Center in Salem, Virginia. Gastineau won the heavyweight bout with a first-round knockout of **Derrick Dukes**, who has competed as a wrestler in the AWA and PWA for the past three years.

The 243-pound Dukes was 2-1 as a boxer coming in to the bout, but was overmatched by the 34-year-old, 258-pound former All-Pro. Gastineau rocked Dukes with a right uppercut, which sent the grappler known as "Starfire" to the canvas.

Dukes actually had more than 10 seconds to regain his footing—referee **Al Rothenberg** stopped the count to usher Gastineau to a neutral corner—but Dukes still could not continue.

"I didn't see anything coming," Dukes told the *New York Daily News* after the bout. "I think he hit me in the neck."

"He got hit flush in the damn jaw with a right hand," said Rothenberg. "He was poleaxed."

At press time, it was not known if Dukes would continue his boxing career, although he was scheduled to compete in the IWA and PWA in the coming months. ☐

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